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South-South Cooperation

The High-level Committee,

Reaffirming General Assembly resolution 33/134 of 19 December 1978, in which the Assembly endorsed the Buenos Aires Plan of Action for Promoting and Implementing Technical Cooperation among Developing Countries,[1]

Reaffirming also the Nairobi outcome document of the High-level United Nations Conference on South-South Cooperation, held in Nairobi from 1 to 3 December 2009, endorsed by the General Assembly in its resolution 64/222 of 21 December 2009,[2]

Recalling its decisions 17/1 and SSC/17/IM/1 as well as General Assembly resolution 68/230,

Welcoming the announcement by the PGA on the Secretary-General's designation of the Director of the United Nations Office for South-South Cooperation as Secretary-General's Special Representative on South-South Cooperation, and noting with concern Secretary-General's subsequent clarification on the designation as Envoy on South-South Cooperation,

Noting that the integration of South-South and triangular Cooperation in the policies and strategic frameworks of Funds and Programs of the United Nations system constitutes a positive effort,

Recognizing the importance of fulfilling the pending appointments of regional representatives in the UNOSSC,

Recognizing also that the Joint Inspection Unit's report on South-South and triangular cooperation in the United Nations system (JIU/REP/2011/3) provides recommendations to the United Nations development system for implementing measures to further strengthening the United Nations Office for South-South Cooperation, and the accompanying Secretary-General's Note A/66/717/Add.1,

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Acknowledging the report of the Secretary-General on measures to further strengthen the United Nations Office for South-South Cooperation and in this regard expressing concern over the unfulfilled implementation of recommendations of the JIU's report, as well as UNDP's own Evaluation on support to South-South cooperation (DP/2013/31),

Recognizing that a decision by Member states on the options favoured by the Secretary-General's report SSC/18/3 on the institutional location of UNOSSC in the United Nations system, has yet to be arrived at, which would, inter alia, require a comprehensive evaluation of the additional steps taken by UNDP to further strengthen the UNOSSC,

1. *Requests* the Secretary-General to present, during the ongoing 68th session of the General Assembly, further information on the assignments and duties to be taken up by the Director of UNOSSC and resources provided deriving from his appointment as Envoy on South-South Cooperation and any potential operational implication for the Office for South-South Cooperation concerning its actual legal nature;

2. *Also requests* the Secretary-General to implement those recommendations of JIU/REP/2011/3 and DP/2013/31 that further strengthen South-South Cooperation within the United Nations system, including through system-wide provision of financial and human resources for UNOSSC, which could additionally include the secondment of staff from Member States and United Nations organizations, the recruitment of junior professional officers, as well as other measures to strengthen the Office's capacity;

3. *Requests* the United Nations Office for South-South Cooperation to fully align its work programme with its strategic framework 2014-2017;

4. *Requests* the Director of the UNOSSC in the capacity as Secretary-General's Envoy on South-South Cooperation to coordinate a preparatory process with Member states and organizations and agencies of the United Nations system to present inputs for the Secretary-General to prepare a comprehensive report on the necessary adjustments to the framework of operational guidelines on United Nations support to South-South and triangular cooperation (SSC/17/3 footnote);

5. *Requests* the Administrator of UNDP, as Chair of the United Nations Development Group, to establish a more formalized and strengthened inter-agency mechanism for the United Nations Office for South-South Cooperation, with a view to encourage joint support to South-South and triangular initiatives, as well as share information on development activities and results achieved by various organizations through their respective business models in support of South-South and triangular cooperation, calls on the United Nations development system to designate representational focal points to join the mechanism, and further requests the United Nations Development Programme Administrator to give the Office the opportunity to be represented more regularly in strategic and coordination mechanisms of the United Nations Development Group when matters affecting South-South cooperation are being discussed;

6. *Calls upon* United Nations Development Programme and other relevant organizations of the United Nations Development system to assist developing countries in implementing projects of South-South Cooperation, upon request in a manner consistent with their mandates and strategic plans;

7. *Calls also upon* the United Nations Development System to encourage transfer of technologies for benefit of developing countries to address issues of poverty eradication and sustainable development;

8. *Invites* the Secretary-General to include in his synthesis report, before the end of 2014, concrete steps taken to further strengthen South-South cooperation, particularly within the United Nations development system, including the strengthening of United Nations Office for South-South Cooperation through increased human and financial resources, so as to contribute to development and the implementation of a United Nations development agenda beyond 2015;

9. *Requests* the United Nations Development Programme Administrator, in her capacity as Chair of United Nations Development Group, and the Director of the United Nations Office for South-South Cooperation, in his capacity as Secretary-General's Envoy on South-South Cooperation, to submit comprehensive reports on progress made in implementing the present decision to the High-Level Committee on South-South Cooperation at its nineteenth session.